

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION AND ESSEX COMMUNICATIONS, INC., d/b/a ELEC COMMUNICATIONS	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-63
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**ORDER ACCEPTING ADOPTED NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT**

(Issued February 23, 2001)

On December 1, 2000, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Essex Communications, Inc., d/b/a eLEC Communications (eLEC), filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review of the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). By the filed agreement eLEC has agreed to adopt in its entirety the prior agreement negotiated between Covad Communications Company and Qwest and approved by the Board in Docket No. NIA-99-5. The filing is identified as Docket No. NIA-00-63.

The Board's review of this filing is limited to the determination that the adopted agreement has been previously approved by the Board. The Board approved the agreement between Covad Communications Company and Qwest on March 22, 1999. The Board inadvertently docketed this filing for comment even though its review is limited to ensuring the adoption of a previously approved agreement. The Board will accept the adopted negotiated agreement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The adopted negotiated interconnection agreement as filed on December 1, 2000, by Qwest Corporation and Essex Communications, Inc., d/b/a eLEC Communications, is accepted as the adoption of a previously-approved negotiated interconnection agreement.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23rd day of February, 2001.